GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Development of SAI
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken adequate measures to develop the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and its allied organizations in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government provides funds and facilities for various States/UTs to develop sports infrastructure and other facilities to promote sports and games;
(d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to develop and modernize the
integrated sports infrastructure and stadia in West Bengal along with the funds allocated for the purpose during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) & (b): The Sports Authority of India (SAI), established in 1984, has been entrusted with the twin objectives of promoting sports and achieving sports excellence at the National and International level. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports provides Grant-in-aid to SAI for undertaking its sports promotional schemes and meet its infrastructure needs and establishment and administrative
expenses. The budgetary allocation of SAI for 2017-18 is Rs. 481 crore.
In addition, Government funds capacity needs of SAI coaches and scientists. Additional funding is also provided to fill up critical infrastructure gaps.
In order to develop the Sports Authority of India and its allied organizations in the country, National Accreditation Board for Education & Training (NABET) have been entrusted with the task of preparing the guidelines for Benchmarking of Special Training Cdentres & Special Area Games. NABET has been asked to undertake study of 18 SAI Training Centres (STCs) across the country as part of a pilot project.
(c) & (d): Sports is a State subject and, therefore, development of sports is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government complements/ supplements the efforts of the State Governments.
A Scheme called "Khelo India − National Programme for Development of Sports" is being implemented by this Ministry as a Central Sector Scheme from the financial year 2016-17. This Scheme, inter-alia provides for creation of sports infrastructure facilities. Under the revamped Khelo India Scheme, one of the components is regarding providing grants-in-aid for establishment, operation and maintenance of sports academies in respect of identified disciplines in consultation with all stakeholders.
List of sports infrastructure projects sanctioned to States/UTs during the last three years and current is at Annexure.
(e) The fund allocated by Govt. for the state West Bengal under the scheme 'Khelo India' is given in the Annexure.
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